

BICYCLE RECEPTION.

NOW RECEIVES HER FRIENDS TO
INSPECT HER NEW MOUNT.

IT IS REALLY A SOCIAL FAD.

Learned Discussions as to the Best
Methods of Riding Enjoyed—Small
Talk and Ordinary Gossip Are For-
gotten.

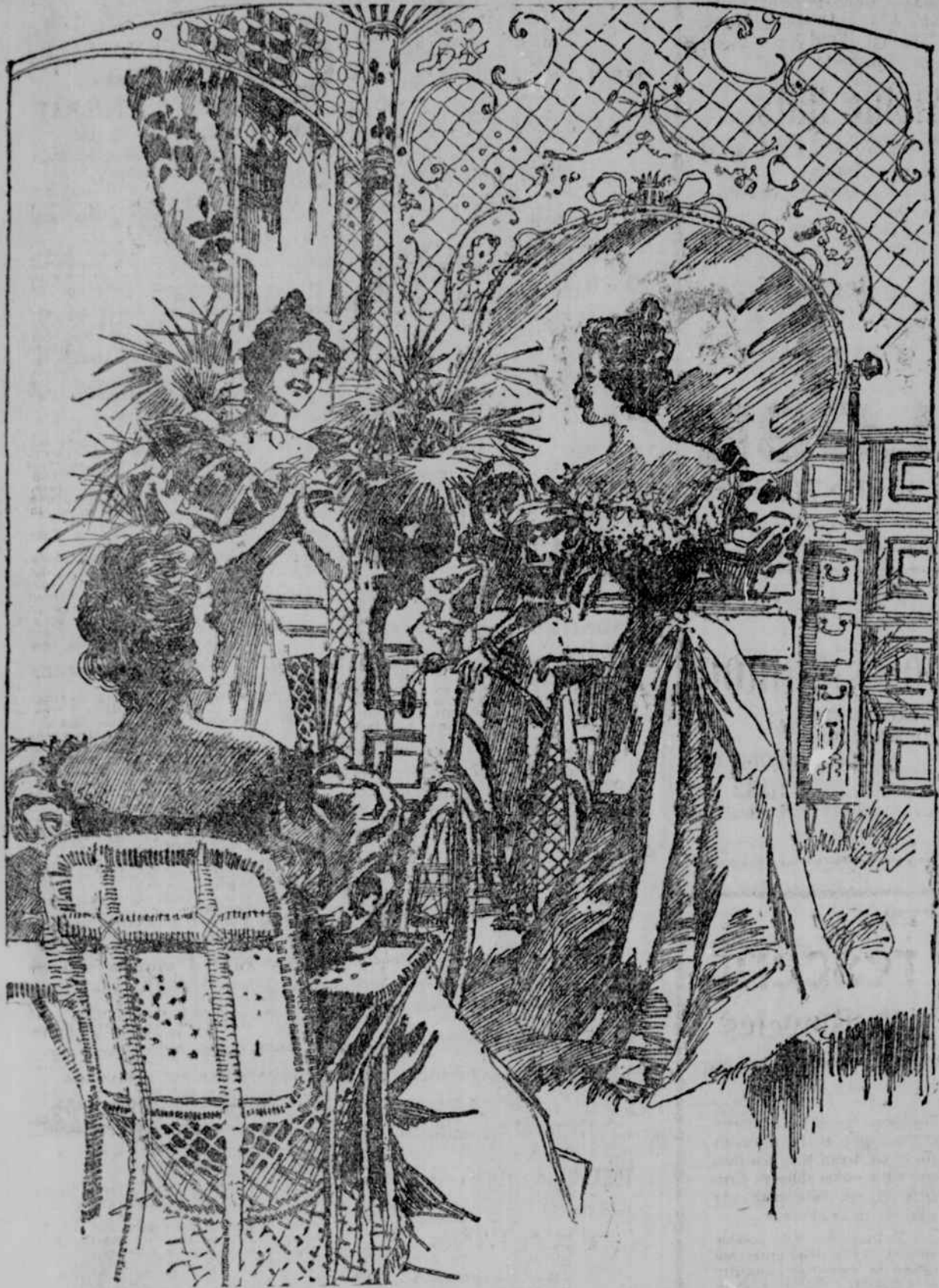
(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, May 1.—If the society girl
would be truly up to date hereafter, she
must join the ranks of the 'cyclists.' The
latest social fad is the evening bicycle
reception. An event of this sort does not
utilize the name of the bicycle to give
it standing, as it were, but because it is
strictly a bicycle affair. Only 'cyclists'
are invited. In fact, it would be a very
great bore to any other person than one
interested in the wheel to attend. Like
the bicycle itself, it has reached the crest
of the wave of popularity, in a remark-

ably decorated with inland mother of pearl
or silver bands and filigree work are used
to advantage. Real ivory handles also
are a new feature.
The 'cycling girl has become a power
in the world, and although society has
been somewhat slow to recognize that
fact, doctory Dame Fashion has finally
for once been forced to adopt the edict
of the people as her own, and so the
bicycle is now formally a member of
the Four Hundred. There are no class
of enthusiasts in the world who talk
'shop' more than the 'cyclists.' The
chances are ten to one that when a
cyclist, male or female, meets another,
the subject of the wheel itself is sure
to come up for consideration. The wo-
men are, if anything, more prone to this
sort of discussion than the men, and it
is to this fact that the bicycle reception
idea is due.

The responsibility that rests upon the
hostess at these affairs is no light one.
As much as possible, the decorations and
the souvenirs—if there happen to be any—
must be of truly bicycle picturesqueness.
There is such a thing nowadays as bicy-
cle china, and the bicycle reception
hostess ought to have something of the
sort, if she intends to serve her friends
a reception of any kind. A little knowl-
edge of china painting is very useful to
the woman who wishes to entertain her
friends bicycle fashion, for she can paint

much gravity as the alleged statement
at Washington talk of the tariff.
The ordinary gossip which women are
supposed to regale themselves with when
gathered where men is barred is entirely
eliminated on these occasions, except that
portion which relates to dress. It is as
impossible to divorce the bicycle dress
from the minds of the feminine contin-
gent of 'cyclists' as it is to part the police
and politics. The different styles shown
by the different tailors are talked over.
The length of the skirt is a fruitful topic
of discussion. The style of gaiter is a
never-ending source of conversation,
with the saddle and the toe clip form
the principle features of the talk of the
machine.

The popularity of the bicycle reception
rose with the season. The wheelwomen
are making extensive preparations for
an active year. They are planning expe-
ditions to interesting points throughout
the surrounding country. They are going
to ride every day, they say, at the re-
ceptions, if it is only around the block,
and they promise themselves century runs
without number. It used to be the case
that the woman who rode a hundred
miles in a day was considered a phenom-
enon, but it is an actual fact that one
result of the bicycle reception is likely
to be the formation of a new century club,
the principal qualification for mem-
bership being that the applicant can make
a century run and not bear the appearance
the day following of having been drawn
through a very small knot-hole.



LATEST WHEELING FAD ARE RECEPTIONS AT WHICH THE 187 MOUNT OF THE HOSTESS IS INSPECTED
AND ADMIRRED.

able short space of time. It seems to
have come to stay.
Of course the bicycle reception must
have an objective point, as it were, and
the 187 mount of the hostess is it. Her
'cycling friends gather about and examine
the new wheel critically. The curves in
the frame, the shape of the handle-bars,
the make of the saddle, all come in for
a great deal of attention. Then the hostess
is summoned and instructed to reveal the
inner mysteries of the wheel, which she
proceeds to do with the aid of a wrench.
But was betide the hapless man if he
let one of the handle-bars fall astray,
as such a catastrophe would work his un-
doing on the spot. The new wheel, if
the hostess is not above display, is usu-

very dainty designs of her own that
will cost her far less than if she went
to the shops to supply her wants.
When the company is assembled—for
the reception has certain hours which
must be punctually observed—the discus-
sion begins. The bicycle must be the
subject, and it is rapidly becoming the
custom at these receptions for each guest
to give her latest and queerest experi-
ence upon the wheel. Those who have
attended events of this class say that
the most charming raconteur of a non-
bicycle mind would be totally unappre-
ciated on such occasions. The talk is
of the wheel and wheeling. The latest
models in 'cycles are compared, and their
merits and demerits discussed with as

Another result of the bicycle reception
is the talk of the course of bicycle lec-
tures one hears. The women, young and
old, have long had lectures upon cycling
by famous exponents of the culinary art.
Now they say they are going to be talked
to about the bicycle, and they want to
understand all the little niceties that even
the trained wheelwoman sometimes has
important of. It is not every woman that
knows about the saddle realizes just what
it ought to be, and is able to detect the
slight difference in position that may
mean so much to her. All these things
the bicycle lecture course will remedy.
So the reception of the bicycle girl is not
to be despised. It is really more produc-
tive of common-sense than any fad em-
braced by society in a very long time.

TO DISCUSS SCHOOLS.

FINAL PROGRAMME OF THE MAY
CONFERENCE.

GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

They Will Make Addresses Upon
This Occasion—Reports, Papers,
and Other Interesting Information
to Be Presented at This Meeting.

Hon. John E. Massey, Superintendent
of Public Schools of Virginia, has issued
a circular to school officers, giving the
final programme of the Superintendents'
Conference, which will convene in this
city May 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Following is the programme:

MONDAY, MAY 3D.

(Hall of House of Delegates.)
8:30 P. M.—Opening exercises; prayer by
Rev. George Cooper, D. D.; address of
welcome (to be supplied); response, Wil-
liam M. Perkins, Superintendent Pulaski
county. Addresses: Governor Charles T.
O'Ferrall, President of the State Board of
Education; Attorney-General R. Taylor
Scott, member of the State Board of Edu-
cation.

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH.

10 A. M.—1. Summer Normal Schools—
How Can They Be Improved and Better
Attendance of Teachers Secured? 47 Thomas
E. Barksdale, Superintendent Halifax
county; W. D. Smith, Superintendent
Scott county; George B. Jennings, Super-
intendent Greene county; George H. Hul-
vey, Superintendent Rockingham county.
2. Improvement of Rural Schools: J. B.
McInturf, Superintendent Shenandoah
county; George R. Huffard, Superintend-
ent Wythe county; S. P. Chapman, Super-
intendent Alleghany county; George
R. Black, Superintendent Brunswick county.
3. Establishment of County High
Schools: Lea Britt, Superintendent
Nassau county; Cary Breckinridge,
Superintendent Botetourt county; George
W. Grigsby, Superintendent King George
county; C. G. Massey, Superintendent
Clarke county. 3 P. M.—4. Graded Course
of Study for Rural Schools: M. D. Hall,
Superintendent Fairfax county; R. C.
Stearnes, Superintendent Roanoke county;
L. S. Foster, Superintendent Mathews
county; F. B. Watson, Superintendent
Pittsylvania county. 5. Multiplication of
Schools—How to Arrest It: W. M. David-
son, Superintendent Lee county; W. F.
Hogg, Superintendent Gloucester county;
W. H. Campbell, Superintendent Hanover
county; W. H. Mitchell, Superintendent
Carroll county. 8:30 P. M.—6. The Rela-
tion of Parents to the Public Schools: D.
L. Pulliam, Superintendent Manchester
county; S. S. Saville, Superintendent Rockbridge
county; E. C. Powell, Superintendent Din-
widdie county; G. A. Willis, Superintend-
ent Floyd county. 7. School Libraries,
Reading Circles, Educational Literature:
Thomas E. Royall, Superintendent Nottoway
county; A. G. Pendleton, Superintend-
ent Smyth county; C. C. Paris, Super-
intendent Charlotte county; B. H.
Hansel, Superintendent Highland county.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH.

10 A. M.—8. Superintendents' Super-
viser—Its Character and Extent: L. M.
Shumate, Superintendent Loudoun county;
F. T. West, Superintendent Louisa
county; John C. Ashton, Superintendent
Portsmouth city; H. Meade, Superintend-
ent Amelia county. 9. The Relation
of Language to Thought: Dr. E. D.
Shimer, of the Board of Principals, New
York city; John E. Mapp, Superintendent
Accomack county; Alexander King, Super-
intendent Sussex county; W. P. Gunn,
principal of Schools, Radford, 10. Grad-
ing Teachers' Salaries—Prompt Payment
of Teachers—Is the Present Law Effec-
tive? If Not, the Remedy: W. C. Mar-
shall, Superintendent Fauquier county;
W. A. Blankinship, Superintendent
Chesterfield county; J. W. Banks, Super-
intendent Madison county; John Bester,
Superintendent Buchanan county. 3 P.
M.—11. Examination and Certification
of Teachers—State Board of Examiners:
Gavin Davis, Superintendent Isle of
Wight county; B. M. Brown, Superintend-
ent Petersburg; M. M. Lynch, Superintend-
ent Frederick county; J. H. Stephens,
Superintendent Montgomery
county. 2. Courses of Study in City
Schools: E. C. Glass, Superintendent
Lynchburg; J. H. Bader, Superintendent
Staunton; Thomas T. Powell, Superintend-
ent Newport News; B. Rust, Superintend-
ent Roanoke city. 8:30 P. M.—13.
School Discipline and Morals: Hon. W.
T. Harris, United States Commissioner of
Education. General discussion.

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH.

10 A. M.—14. School Legislation: Report
of committee and discussion of report; the
entire morning session will be given to
the report and discussion. 3 P. M.—15.
Compulsory Education: Robert Williams,
Superintendent Richmond county; F. W.
Lewis, Superintendent Lancaster
county; H. D. Haskin, Superintendent
Goehland county; P. H. Williams, Superintend-
ent Tazewell county. 3.6. Im-
provement of School-Houses and Grounds:
H. M. Clanton, Superintendent Prince
William county; James B. Clements, Superintend-
ent Alexandria county; R. A.
Preston, Superintendent Washington
county; Chancellor Bailey, Superintendent
Spotsylvania county. 8:30 P. M.—17. Man-
ual Training: Hon. J. L. M. Curry, gen-
eral

ral agent Peabody and Slater Education
boards. General discussion.

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH.

Inspection of Richmond schools.
The person first named after each sub-
ject will read a paper on that subject.
The discussions will be opened by the
speakers in the order in which their
names appear. Thereupon the subject
will be declared open for brief general
discussion. Thirty minutes will be al-
located to the reading of each paper, and ten
minutes to each speaker.

The deliberations of the conference will
be public, and all school officers, teach-
ers, and others interested in educational
work are cordially invited to attend.
Superintendents who arrive in the city
before the time appointed for the opening
of the meeting are requested to report to
the Secretary of the Board of Education,
Room 23, State Library building. Those
who arrive during the session of the con-
ference will please report to the secre-
tary before taking their seats as mem-
bers of the body.

The following special committees have
been appointed:
On School Laws—L. M. Shumate, M. D.
Hall, William F. Fox, W. A. Blankin-
ship, John T. West, D. L. Pulliam, and
William M. Perkins. Superintendent Pub-
lic Instruction and Secretary Board of
Education, ex-officio.

On Arrangements—John E. Mapp, W.
C. Marshall, Alexander King, E. O. Peale,
S. S. Wilkins, R. A. Preston, W. P. Gunn,
William C. Williams, and O. B. Mears.

THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS.

It will be observed that in preparing
the programme, preference has been
given to those practical problems arising
in the administration of the schools, the
discussion of which will most likely ad-
vance the system in Virginia. The occa-
sion will not lack interest to the public
when it is known that such distinguished
educators as Drs. Harris and Curry will
address the conference at the evening
sessions. Dr. Harris, the United States
Commissioner of Education, enjoys an
international reputation as an educational
philosopher and platform speaker, while
"our Dr. Curry" is esteemed throughout
the country as an educational statesman
and the first rank. Dr. E. D. Shimer, of
the corps of principals of New York city,
will present a valuable paper on one of
the most important topics to be consid-
ered. Dr. Shimer is an expert in his field
of work, and will treat his subject in a
very attractive and practical way.

The railroads have made special rates
for delegates attending the meeting, and
the hotels have agreed to entertain them
at reduced rates.

Secretary McGilvray reports that the
attendance of superintendents from Vir-
ginia promises to be excellent, and that
it is probable that representative educa-
tors from other States will also be present.

D'Ayllon's Settlement of Jamestown.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

The Virginia papers are taking much
interest in the recent article of Judge Wal-
ter Clark's showing a Spanish settlement
by D'Ayllon at Jamestown eighty-one
years before John Smith. No historian
of Virginia has either referred to or col-
lected and stated the facts, and hence
many are disposed to be incredulous. It
is not strange that Bancroft and so many
other historians of the United States
should have done so. They are usually
northern men, and have shown little in-
terest in or knowledge of the history of
the southern part of the Union. This ar-
ticle does not assume to be a "discovery,"
for the material facts and documentary
proofs of D'Ayllon's settlement are men-
tioned by Justin Winsor in his erudite and
exhaustive "Critical and Narrative His-
tory." Judge Clark simply had the indus-
try to add to the material there found by
his correspondence in Spain, and in this
connection and by researches made for
him in the Congressional Library. Our
Virginia contemporaries will find the mat-
ter stated with references given to origi-
nal documents in the second volume of
Justin Winsor, at pages 226, 241, and 255.

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so absorbs the attention of the people as
the splendidly growing, formidable navy.
It is not to the gold-mined Annapolis
graduates that the brunt of the responsi-
ble work falls, but to the able department
officials, of whom Disbursing Officer F.
H. Stickney is one. A letter from him
says:

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come quickly curable in the spring. This
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troubles as rheumatism, neuritis, and
obstinate kidney diseases.

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any other time.

The dishonesty of many self-named
spring remedies becomes startlingly ap-
parent when their results are compared
with the results obtained from this ac-
curate, scientific preparation, Paine's
celery compound. The general practice
among careful people of purifying this
blood and toning up the nerves in the

spring has tempted scores of incompetent
persons, schemers, and clerks, with only
a dangerous smattering of medical knowl-
edge, to venture to concoct so-called
spring remedies.

In sharp contrast with these risky pre-
parations is the one valuable spring
remedy worthy the name in the estima-
tion of competent persons and medical
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lieve heartily, and with good reason, in
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and scientific men, who were led to verify
its claims because of its discovery, the
distinguished Dartmouth College profes-
sor, Edward E. Phelps, M. D., L. D.

Nothing will pull a tired-out, nervous,
"run-down" man or woman out of the
quagmire of sinking health so promptly
and firmly as Paine's celery compound.

Wild Hog, a Sioux Chief, at a Thes-

is.

St. Joseph, Mo. dispatch says that
Frank Grouard, for many years chief
of the government scouts, who married a
young woman of St. Joseph, returned re-
cently from his ranch in Wyoming to
spend the winter in St. Joseph. He
brought with him as his guest Wild Hog,
a Sioux chief, and the Indian will remain
here until spring. The Sioux chief has
never before been in a city, and he has
already seen many things to interest him
since he arrived. His greatest delight is
in watching the trolley-cars, and he won-
ders what mysterious power makes them
move.

Wild Hog is unconventional in his
dress—so much so that it is feared he
would not be an ornament to good so-
ciety. He wears an old blouse, the collar
of which has been rolled and worn smooth
by his hair. At first he insisted upon car-
rying a large knife in his belt, but the
police have succeeded in removing it. The
knife was of great assistance to him in
securing drinks at the saloons.

Wild Hog is not without intelligence of
a certain kind, but he is like a man from
another planet since he has come among
the whites. At the theatre the other
night he crept stealthily toward the stage
at an exciting point in the play, and in
another instant would have been upon it,
taking a hand in the mimic fight, which
he believed to be real. He was restrained
with great difficulty, and he uttered the
Sioux war cry as he struggled with his
captors.

Old Men in Public Life.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

William L. Strong, Mayor of New York,
is 79 years old, and he is in perfect health.
He has an occasional twitch of the gout,
one of the benedict qualities of this
age, but he is as vigorous as a young man,
so that the disease cannot be said to be
wholly evil. Mr. Strong is mentally as
vigorous as many men thirty years youn-
ger. He has decision and determination
and maturity of judgment and experience,
which are valuable assets in a public
servant. We frequently say that this is

Stamp of Royal Disapproval.

(New York Times.)

On the postage-stamps of Holland
Queen Wilhelmina is portrayed as a child
of 12, with flowing hair and a peculiarly
infantile expression. It is told, as illus-
trating her little Majesty's character, that
at a recent meeting of the Cabinet Coun-
cil she interrupted the proceedings by in-
forming the assembled Ministers that she
was no longer a child, and could not un-
derstand their neglect in allowing the
stamps to remain unaltered. The Dutch
stamps will in consequence be changed
as soon as it is possible to do so. Wil-
helmina is approaching the age when
royalty deems itself old enough to marry,
and it is only natural that she should
demand official recognition of her near-
ness to maturity.

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